

**MINUTES OF THE  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REVENUE  
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Room W140 West Office Building, State Capitol Complex

January 31, 2007

**Members Present:** Sen. Bill Hickman, Co-Chairman  
Rep. Sheryl Allen, Co-Chairman  
Sen. Gene Davis  
Sen. Dan Eastman  
Rep. Jim Bird  
Rep. Jackie Biskupski  
Rep. Julie Fisher  
Rep. Steven R. Mascaro

**Staff Present:** Dr. Andrea Wilko, Fiscal Analyst  
Juliette M. Tennert, Fiscal Analyst  
Jennifer Eyring, Committee Secretary

**Note:** A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.

Rep. Fisher called the meeting to order at 2:10 pm.

Rep. Painter spoke in behalf of the Peteetneet School Preservation Project. Dr. Gordon Taylor, Peteetneet Academy, gave the background and use of the building. A request was made for \$150,000 one-time funds for installation of an elevator.

Rep. Fisher relinquished the chair to Rep. Allen.

Rep. Painter spoke in behalf of the Juab County Veterans Memorial. Robert Painter, assisted by Lloyd Sundquist and Paul Greenhalgh of the Nephi Lions Club explained the memorial project. A request was made for \$75,000 one-time funds.

Rep. Allen relinquished the chair to Sen. Hickman.

**MOTION:** Sen. Eastman moved to approve the minutes of the January 22, January 24, and January 25, 2007 meetings. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Davis, Rep. Biskupski and Rep. Allen absent for the vote.

Rep. Clark spoke in behalf of Arts Grants, Digitization and Research. Margaret Hunt, Director, Division of Arts and Museums, spoke about the grant process and digitization funding. A request was made for \$1,200,000 combined one-time and ongoing funding.

Rep. Clark spoke in behalf of Individual Development Accounts and explained how they are used. Individual Development Accounts can only be used to further education, start a business or for housing. A request was made for \$50,000 ongoing funds.

Rep. Harper spoke in behalf of grants to museums throughout Utah. A request was made for \$165,000 ongoing funds and \$500,000 one-time funds to support local museums throughout the state.

Rep. Hansen spoke in behalf of Ogden Union Station Railroad Museum. Jack McDonald, Chair, Board of Directors, Ogden Union Station Foundation, spoke about the background of the museum which has been designated as the state railroad museum. A request was made for \$1,000,000 one-time funds.

Rep. Hansen spoke in behalf of the Treehouse Museum. Sylvia Cobabe, Chair, Board of Directors, Treehouse Museum, assisted by Lynn Goodwin, Treehouse Director, Stephanie Moore, Board Member, and Holli Christensen, gave background of the museum and past funding. A request was made for \$200,000 one-time funds to complete the project.

Sen. Hickman relinquished the chair to Rep. Allen.

Rep. Dee spoke in behalf of Utah Bid Development Solutions (UBiDS) and explained its purpose. Kori Ann Edwards, UBiDS Director, Logistics Specialties Inc., gave further explanation. UBiDS works in association with the Governor's Office of Economic Development to help Utah businesses procure government contracts. A request was made for \$1,000,000 in one-time funds.

Ken Verdoia, Director of Production Services, KUED, assisted by Rebecca Davis, Chief Financial Officer, KUED, explained the change to digital broadcasting. This is a three phase program. A request was made for \$1,500,000 one-time funds for phase two which would update translators to digital technology.

Douglas Abrams, Director, Library Development, Utah State Library, spoke in behalf of the Community Library Enhancement Fund. A request was made for \$200,000 ongoing funding to be moved into the base budget for this fund.

Rep. Bigelow spoke in behalf of the Hale Center Theater. Brent Lange, Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer, Hale Center Theater, explained the charts showing the funding received from the Utah Arts Council as compared to other organizations receiving those funds. A request was made for \$135,000 ongoing funds.

Sen. Stowell spoke in behalf of the Shakespearean Festival land purchase. Michael Benson, President, Southern Utah University, assisted by Wes Curtis, SUU, explained the plan to purchase land for a buffer around the new outdoor Globe Theater for the Utah Shakespearean Festival. A request was made for \$2,200,000 one-time funds.

Rep. Cosgrove spoke in behalf of the Working Family Economic Development Initiative and explained the benefit that comes to families from the Earned Income Tax Credit. Bill Crim, Executive Director, United Way of Utah, spoke about the Volunteer Income Tax Preparation Assistance program. A request was made for \$100,000 ongoing funds to the Department of Community and Culture for this program.

Sen. Dmitrich introduced Karl Kraync, Chair, Policy Board, Southeastern Utah Small Business Investment Fund, who explained the fund's purpose and the counties involved. The fund is an incentive program used to develop low income rural business. A request was made for \$2,000,000 in one-time funding.

Rep. Wiley spoke in behalf of the National Insurance Crime Bureau - MVED equipment purchase and introduced Dane Wood, National Insurance Crime Bureau, who explained the various uses. The equipment is a four camera computerized system that reads license plates for law enforcement purposes. A request was made for \$250,000 one-time funding. Rod Marrelli, Executive Director, Tax Commission, addressed the issue of the request being made through this committee.

Rep. Fisher spoke in behalf of the Utah State University Botanical Center Memorial. A request was made for \$180,000 in one-time funding. Margaret Wahlstrom, Youth of Promise explained the project. The group is working on a state educational memorial that would be located at the USU Botanical Center in Kaysville. Shawn Olsen, USU Botanical Center, said their role would be to provide the land and maintain it.

Sen. Eastman spoke in behalf of the Huntsman Cancer Institute and introduced Dr. Janet Bingham, Board of Directors, Huntsman Cancer Foundation, Mary Beckerle, Executive Director, Huntsman Cancer Institute, and Robert Haight, Board of Directors, Huntsman Cancer Foundation. Dr. Bingham gave background information on the Institute. Dr. Beckerle spoke about the cancer research being done at the Institute. A request was made for \$5,000,000 ongoing funds and \$10,000,000 one-time funds to support cancer research.

Rep. Barrus spoke in behalf of the Revolving Loan Fund for Energy Efficiency. The fund would be used by public schools to become more energy efficient through a low interest loan. A request was made for \$5,000,000 one-time funds.

Leigh von der Esch, Director, Governor's Office of Tourism, and Aaron Syrett, Director, Utah Film Commission spoke in behalf of the Motion Picture Incentive Fund. A request was made for \$3,500,000 ongoing funds and \$1,500,000 one-time funds. The Motion Picture Incentive Fund is a post performance rebate.

Rep. Draxler spoke in behalf of the American West Heritage Center. The Center is a heritage and historical preservation center and farm. A request was made for \$1,000,000 one-time funds for the retirement of long term bond debt.

Mary Tull, Executive Director, The Leonardo, spoke about The Leonardo as a statewide science,

art and technology center for older children and teens. The center also provides online information and outreach programs. A request was made for \$1,000,000 one-time funds.

Sen. Davis explained the need for SB 189, Medicaid Home and Community-based Long-term Care, that he is sponsoring. The cost would be \$393,000 and may need to be appropriated from this committee.

Dr. Andrea Wilko, Fiscal Analyst, explained the request made by the Utah Heritage Foundation. A request has been made for \$100,000 for the Utah Preservation Conference and educational presentations.

Dr. Wilko addressed the items to be discussed and voted on in the next meeting, Monday, February 5, 2007.

MOTION: Rep. Bird moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously with Sen. Davis, Sen. Eastman, and Sen. Hickman absent for the vote.

Rep. Allen adjourned the meeting at 4:26 pm.

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Sen. Bill Hickman, Co-Chair

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Rep. Sheryl L. Allen, Co-Chair